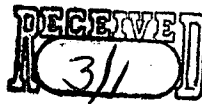


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February 28, 1977

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
Edison, N. J. 08817

Attention: William J. Librizzi  
Reference: #231-77

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter of February 15, 1977 concerning a spillage of oil on February 9, 1977.

We did not spill any oil. The facts are as follows.

At approximately 10:00 A.M. on February 9, 1977, oil was discovered floating on the surface in a flume which runs through our property and discharges into the Third River. We immediately notified the N. J. State Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") and your offices of the problem. In addition, we notified the Metropolitan Petroleum Company, Pollution Control Division, Jersey City, N. J., which installed a boom in the flume to contain the oil and started pumping the oil out of the flume on February 10, 1977. Approximately 2,000-3,000 gallons of the oil were pumped out of the flume.

We have been advised by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") and the DEP that they have determined that the oil in the flume was #4 oil and that the source thereof was the factory on the property adjoining us which is "upstream" from us on the flume. The oil in the flume did not match oil which we use.

The PVSC and the DEP have been in contact with the owner of the adjoining property concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL STARCH AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION

*S. Spector*  
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cc: Mr. Scott W. McCone  
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